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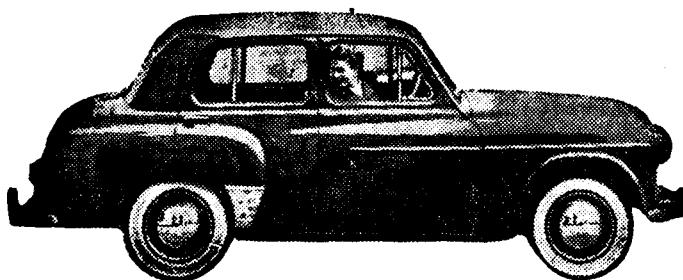
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Melbourne Welcomes Visitors Again

They're here again. Rapid and South China teams will be in Melbourne on Monday to play under the Showgrounds lights in the long-sought-after game between the two teams.

Melbourne welcomes them both again most warmly, and hopes that they have better weather on this visit than they had on the last.

Monday night's game will be the best exhibition of Soccer ever seen in Australia. We have had outstanding teams here before, but have never seen two of them on the field at the same time.

Australian Soccer may have improved or not, according to which critic you favour, but it has not yet reached the standard of the visitors, as is only too painfully shown by the results of the current tours' games. For this reason we are especially pleased to have the opportunity of seeing one world-class team meet another.

It will be a foretaste of the type of game we can expect to see at the Olympic Games next year, and should be an eye-opener to the thousands

of Victorians who have never yet seen a game of our code.

If they can be persuaded to visit the Showgrounds for

the game, they could well become supporters of the code, or at least not deriders of it.

A HEAD IN VAIN



In spite of the foot poked out in front in pseudo-ballet style, Alex Glennie, of Footscray, HEADED this ball in the cup match against Wilhelmina at the Showgrounds last Saturday. The back dashing across to intercept is Peet. The interception was not successful, but neither was the headed shot. 'Keeper van Egmond saved it.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

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weekly by the
V. A. S. F. A.
Secretary,
Stuart Beaton



HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP:

At a league management meeting on Thursday, August 4, the draw for the semi-finals was made. It is:

Prahran v. Brighton.
Coburg v. Juventus.

Dates of games will be announced later, and it is possible they will be played as curtain-raisers to the Dockerty Cup semi-finals, which are provisionally arranged for September 17 and 24.

THIRD DIVISION:

The Richmond S.C. has been fined the sum of £5 for club mismanagement, and has been informed that the captain of the team should be replaced.

GEELONG S.C.:

Information has been received that the Geelong Club have obtained a new ground in Geelong.—Further details will be announced shortly.

GROUND MARKINGS:

Despite previous instructions, certain clubs are not taking the required steps to mark out grounds properly. The league management will deal with any cases reported in future.

ALTERATION TO FIXTURES:

The Dockerty Cup fourth round replay, Polonia v. Box Hill, and Footscray City v. Wilhelmina, have necessitated the following games today to be postponed until a later date:

First Division: Box Hill v. George Cross, Polonia v. Juventus, Hakoah v. Footscray City.

Third Division: Wilhelmina v. Williamstown.

Revised dates will be given at the earliest possible moment.

Only You Can Decide

The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things. Those things include the coaching, the State team, and the running of Victorian Soccer in general.

Much has been said, and more has been left unsaid, about all these things in the past few weeks.

It is obvious from this issue of "Soccer News" that there has been plenty of vitriolic comment, justifiable or not, in the press and at Council meetings.

Press critics have had a lot to say on the coaching scheme and the Council's attitude to it. What they say can be judged only by the readers. They alone can decide whether they are right or wrong.

Few people wish to criticise players or Mr. Young personally. Even Mr. Barr, who seems to be the centre of controversy, has never criticised Mr. Young personally, although he has some hard things to say about the coaching system.

The Soccer Council realises that Mr. Barr is entitled to say what he wishes. What worries the Council is that the statements have been made in an official Soccer broadcast.

The real decision now lies with the listeners and club members.

No one likes the bickering which has in the past week reached the highest pitch for a long time. How much attention you, as Soccer supporters, pay to the arguments put will decide their true worth.

As Soccer supporters, you have the right to make your voices heard, if by no other means, through "Soccer News." Use that right. Speak your mind, and let other Soccer people and the Council know what your opinions are.

The critics will pipe in a different key if you let it be known that you disagree with them. The Council might also call a different tune if you let it be known that you agree with their critics. Until you declare yourselves one way or the other, the bickering will continue.

—EDITOR.

Bill Fleming, of the "Argus" tells clubs Council is "White-anting" Soccer with Backroom Tactics

Soccer men will live to regret Black Monday — last Monday, when the Soccer Council decided that Len Young's resignation was a "domestic matter," and nothing to do with the clubs.

It was a strange attitude for publicity-loving Bill Thomas, Victorian Soccer Council chairman, to adopt. I admit he was egged on by Alec Kerr in ordering the Press out of the room.

We of the Press have been very good friends to Soccer.

We have never violated a confidence; never obtained a story by devious means, and yet we are humiliated by being asked to leave the room, like naughty little boys caught stealing the jam, while the almighty panjandams of Soccer went into a huddle on Len Young's discontent.

The clubs who play Len Young's £1,250 a year salary, plus house, have a right to know what caused his dissatisfaction. They have a right to know why he wanted to resign, and why he changed his mind.

If it is true Mr. Young was disturbed and upset by certain broadcasts, then the clubs have a right to know that, too, and they have a right to study the transcripts of the broadcasts alleged to have so disturbed him.

Soccer has little chance of becoming big business while this parochial attitude is adopted by certain Council members. I give top marks to John Oliphant and Kurt Defris for their valiant effort on our behalf, to insist that the Press remain.

I understand that the core of Len Young's discontent is the recent broadcasts by Alex Barr on Friday evenings, which are allegedly the official broadcasts of the Victorian Soccer organisation.

If that is so, any criticism offered should be given by the broadcaster as his personal opinion, and not bearing the stamp of the Council, unless the criticism has been confirmed at a Council meeting.

Len—A Good Job

With the material available, Len Young is doing a good job. Wisely, he is concentrating on the juniors, who are the white hope of tomorrow, and anyone who expects him to lick a State team into shape in five minutes—which is what has happened to date—should take a pill, and a big one, at that.

I am not so concerned with Len Young, although I am glad he has withdrawn his resignation, as I am with the paltry attitude adopted towards the Melbourne journalists who have fought for Soccer for so long.

With the Austria-South China match coming up on Monday night — and this is no weather for outdoor night entertainment — the Soccer Council needs every line of space it can command. This is no way to get it.

The sooner the Council realises we are men and not children, and that we have a job to do honestly and well, the better it will be for Soccer. The little men who have hampered development of the game in Victoria for years by their backroom tactics must go.

The sporting Press of Victoria are a sturdy group, who play the game, do their job to the best of their ability, and who don't vio-

Mr. Fleming's views, as expressed here, are not necessarily those of "Soccer News" or its editor. This article has been written as an open letter to all Soccer clubs.

late confidences. But they will have little time in the future for the smug little men who treated them with contempt on Black Monday.

And it was Black Monday, make no mistake about that. It will be a long time before we forget that Len Young said:—

"I have nothing to hide."

But your Council were so frightened of us they ordered Len Young to avoid us after the meeting; so frightened that they put us out into the cold corridors while they sat in judgment.

Demand the Truth

Is this the way to win friends and influence people? Of course it isn't! And you, the Victorian Soccer clubs, have a right to demand the full story.

I understand the question of the broadcast will be brought up at next Tuesday's Council meeting. If the clubs want the story, it is up to all club representatives to see it is obtained, because it is £s to peanuts the little men will try and muzzle us again.

If Soccer fails to hold the ground it has gained in recent years, blame the little men — the frightened little men, who try to be big and miss the target every time. The little men who by their lack of vision and broadmindedness are white-anting Soccer.

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Yallourn Club Corrects "Libellous Reports"

Mr. W. L. Mack, secretary of Yallourn Club, has written to "Soccer News" to correct statements which he declares were wrongly made in the Italian column last week.

He considers that allegations made in the column that Yallourn made "wild and vicious attacks," that Ravagnan was injured by the "almost monstrous way of kicking not only the ball but the opposing player as well," and that there were "savage personal attacks which even the referee did not try to stop or break up, but excused by indifference," were little short of libel.

Mr. Mack has sent his reply to these statements. Here it is:

- There were no wild or vicious attacks by Yallourn players, but certain Juventus players certainly made attacks in a manner which could well be likened to

mad dogs. Five of whom should have been sent off the field for trying to maim Yallourn players. • Ravagnan was taken to hospital with a small cut behind one ear, a cut which did not even require a stitch. When he was hurt, the game was held up for five minutes while sundry people attended to him, and one Juventus spectator poured abuse over the referee. Whilst in the dressing-room, Ravagnan stated that the accident was due to his own fault. This was not published in the "Argus" or in the article in "Soccer News."

- After Ravagnan walked off the field a Juventus player deliberately jumped on the outstretched leg of H. Saxelby, with both feet, causing that player to be carried off the field. A foul attempt to maim another player, and the referee didn't dare take action.

Finally, a local photographer was fortunate in taking the incident in which Ravagnan was hurt, on a movie film, which can be seen by any interested party.

Len Young Says (from page 5)

We Did Well

I mentioned in one of my earlier articles how surprising it is that a team, providing they are fit, does very often have its opponents in difficulties.

Let's get this straight. Our lads often made moves that would not have shamed their opponents. One or two of them forgot the fundamentals of the game they have been taught, but this is not altogether surprising, as until these essentials have been hammered home time and again, until they become part of habitual thinking, old bad habits will, in the excitement of a game, rear their ugly heads.

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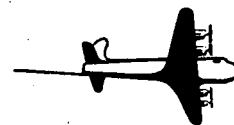
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Coburg Council has agreed to the resurfacing of Campbell Reserve, Moreland's ground, which should be in tip-top condition for next season's games.

Doug Flett, a Prahran player, will be married next Saturday to Miss Joyce Anstee, who is a keen follower of Prahran (although still has a soft spot for the Hawks). The wedding will be at West Hawthorn Presbyterian Church.

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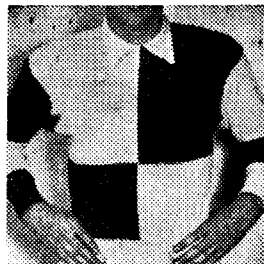
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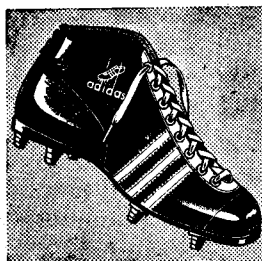
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Alex Barr replies:

Here's Why I Said What I Did

I would like to reply to the letter from Jack Wilson in last week's "Soccer News," criticising my statement "that the English system being coached by Len Young is out-dated, and should be altered."

I feel that I am wasting my time replying to Jack's inaccurate and unconstructive criticism. His letter appeared at a most opportune moment, from my point of view, as, in the same edition of "Soccer News" "Spotter" stated, "The Victorian Soccer public won't support games against touring sides if they are to result in comic exhibitions."

Whilst "Spotter" is obviously a Len Young fan, he did also state, "To produce good football we must have good 'ball-players.'"

Turning over a few more pages of "Soccer News," Jack must have felt rather upset when he read an extract from the F.A. Annual, which suggested that England must change its system of playing Soccer, if it is to counter the Austrian "bolt" system. No doubt Jack will send a letter to the Football Association of England explaining that as they agree with Alex Barr, they are obviously wrong.

Wrong Conclusion

Jack Wilson has jumped to a terribly wrong conclusion when he suggests that I think Len Young is incapable of coaching. I accept Mr. Young's F.A. Coaching Badge for what it is worth, but would also like to draw attention to the fact that English Soccer does not, at the moment, come up to world championship class.

No doubt Jack has an explanation for the severe thrashings England has received in recent months at the hands of Continental countries, who believe in the short pass and clever "ball play," in preference to the swinging game adopted by England.

Surely Jack was not serious when he said, "Len will make them into ball players IF AND WHEN it is necessary?" The drubbing that Australian Soccer in general has received from the visiting Chinese and Austrian teams makes it obvious to make "ball players" NOW!

When Jack refers to the success of a former mutual colleague, Joe Marston, he merely reiterates a statement I have made on several occasions, that "polish" is all that is required to make several Australian Soccer players "world class."

While I agree that Joe Marston was never a "ball player" prior to his sojourn in England, I was

happy to have a conversation with Joe on his recent visit to Melbourne, when I learned, from both he and Cliff Almond (who also had success overseas), that they realised on their arrival in the U.K. that they lacked "ball control," and took immediate steps to brush up on this part of their game.

I admire Jack for his loyalty to Len Young and his coaching system, and no doubt next week he will receive his "blue certificate."

Scant Knowledge

It is perfectly obvious that Jack has scant knowledge of Soccer in the international sphere when he suggests that I criticised Len Young and his methods only after a "world-renowned professional team defeated an Australian State side by eleven goals to nil."

Surely, Jack, you read the newspapers, and must have noticed the five, six and seven goal defeats inflicted on England by Continental teams?

Knowing that certain parochially minded people require qualifications for every statement made by any sporting writer—and this applies mainly to Soccer—I chose what I considered to be the most appropriate time to suggest that the game here in Victoria required an overhaul. If any further proof is needed, one could go into the falling receipts of most Soccer clubs.

Regarding the slight dig suggesting that my observations of Brighton are "ill-advised and wide of the mark," might I say that several suggestions regarding team selection at Brighton were adopted after my published statements in the Press?

Move Around a Bit

In conclusion, could I suggest, Jack, that you move around a little more in Soccer circles, and you will

find a large number of officials and top-line players who disagree with Len Young's system?

A few points to roughly outline what I consider ineffective in Mr. Young's system:—

Close marking by full-backs is not encouraged; wing halves are expected to perform considerably more on the defensive side than attack; centre-forwards are asked to hang well back from the goal.

This is in direct contrast to the tactics adopted by our recent visitors. If Hanappi, the \$50,000 star (and £70 a week while in Australia), was asked to play a more defensive role, I am quite certain his price would be deflated sharply.

The Victorian Colts, a hand-picked side which is given preferential coaching, has a very unimpressive record. Its goal average, which reads 37 goals for and 39 against, gives a fair indication that the negative game they attempt to play does not pay dividends.

There Must Be Criticism

Criticism is a fundamental requirement in any phase of life—business or sport—and if every individual was content to accept, unquestioned, a formula laid down in the F.A., or any other handbook, Soccer would be a very drab business.

Jack, in his wisdom, has stated "that to reach the standard set by the Rapid team will not take only years, but decades." If you consult the history of Soccer in Australia, Jack, you will find that inter-State matches were being played here in 1883.

Soccer in Austria was born after World War I—approximately 35 years later! Why are we so slow to learn in Soccer when Australia has produced world champions in every branch of sport they have taken on seriously?

Names like Thompson, Jackson, Woods, Bradman, Messenger, Opperman, Landy and Sedgman are respected the world over, and give proof to the fact that "properly handled," Australian Soccer players could meet the world!

Incidentally, folks, Jack and I are still friends, I think! I drove him to the station last week.

L'angolo del Calcio Italiano

JUVENTUS — J.U.S.T., 4—1

Gloriosa Giornata Per i
Bianconeri

La partita di semi-finale per la Dockerty Cup del sabato scorso e' stata una degna risposta a quanti commentavano con malcelato compiacimento il declino della Juventus dopo una disastrosa vicenda in campo straniero. E' stato un incontro in cui i nostri si trovarono in agio di dare una buona

esibizione di giuoco perfettamente controllato contro avversari che non mancano di eccellenti qualita' dal canto loro. A dieci minuti di distanza dalla fine del primo tempo Begnini segnava la prima rete, seguita da un'altra rete di Plateo dopo soli cinque minuti. A meta' del primo tempo le sorti apparivano cosi' decisamente segate a favore dei nostri. Quando il fischietto finale annunzio' la fine della partita la Juve si trovo' con la vittoria a 4—1 e il conseguente ingresso nelle finali della Dockerty Cup.

So la Juventus sara' capace o meno di vincere la finale e guadagnarsi un trofeo da cui e' stata finora esclusa, dipendera' unica-

mente dalle partite di oggi della Whilhielmina, Hakoah, Footscray e Polonia. Le prime due squadre non possono assolutamente costituire un allarme per la Juventus per due semplici motivi: e' impossibile (teoricamente almeno) che riescano a conseguire una vittoria sulla Juve con le qualita' tecniche mostrate finora ed e' improbabile che entrino nelle finali. Se invece Polonia o Footscray scenderanno in campo, la Juve dovra' prepararsi ad una dura lotta, nella quale molti favoriscono leggermente gli avversari.

Domani, domenica, alle ore 2.15 p.m. sara' disputato l'incontro Juventus-England per la World Cup al Toorak Oval.

TIT-BITS

From Spotter



I believe there is a chance of a side from the third division playing Len's State side in a practice game in the near future.

This will add a lot of interest to the boys in the minor league.

Kevin Lott has charge of this side, and would be interested to hear from anyone who has any ideas on the matter. He can be contacted through the editor.

Wilhelmina still have my backing, even if they did only draw with Footscray last Saturday. It is my belief that this side will contest the final of the Cup.

Dave Stoddart has informed me of his intention to retire. Good luck, Dave, but it is to be hoped that you give your knowledge back into the game. We can certainly do with it.

Shame on the people who borrowed those goalposts and nearly missed giving them back. Some poor, inoffensive junior team was really sweating it out.

The proposed idea of Stanley Matthews visiting Australia seems to have died a sudden death. It managed to get as far as the Australian body, and there it disappeared. Shame!

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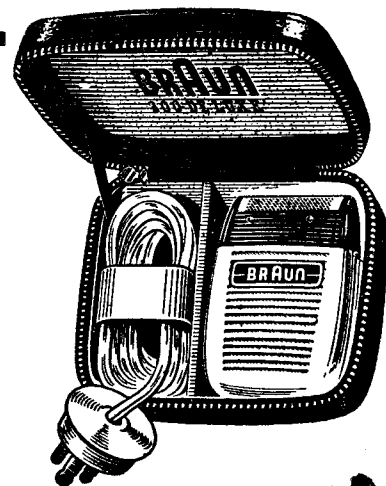
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Red Cross Says "Thank You"

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the City of Camberwell Branch of the Australian Red Cross Society, many members expressed very keen appreciation of the help given by the six Soccer clubs who took part in the highly - entertaining Soccer games played on the Camberwell oval in support of the March appeal for Red Cross funds.

Accordingly, I desire to extend, through you, the very sincere thanks of this branch to the clubs concerned, as well as to the officials, who gladly co-operated in making the day a great success in every way.

The generous support of Soccer fans who contributed to the very satisfactory financial result of the day's fine display is also appreciated.

—F. N. LE LEU,
President,
Camberwell Red Cross
Society.

Boos, Jeers Were Unfair

Dear Sir,

I wish to voice my disgust at the treatment meted out to our Victorian team by the crowd at the game against the Austrians. It is appalling that anyone can be so unfair as to boo and jeer at a team that never gives up trying, however badly they are being beaten.

One can understand the Austrians in this country supporting their home team, but the majority of the crowd were not Austrians. When I voiced my disapproval at the display, I was told it was the selectors they were annoyed about.

To me that is no excuse at all. The team members were not responsible for being chosen, and because they were chosen, they deserved the support of the public—but they did not get it.

My opinion is, after attending the game regularly for years, that these supposedly Australians are anti-Australian, and are definitely not sportsmen.

—LENA DRUMMOND.

Len is Right, Writer Wrong

Dear Sir,

I feel it my duty to enlighten the Soccer public who read the item in one of last week's daily papers that Len Young's English style of coaching was out-dated.

It is evident that the writer of this item has either been misinformed, or formed his own conclusions on poor foundations.

I have had the pleasure of being a member of the State squad under

Mr. Young, and I am sure that the Austrian display cannot be bettered as an exhibition of the type of game Mr. Young has been drilling into us.

The fact that the Austrians are experts cannot be laid at Mr. Young's door. Or perhaps this writer is trying to fool the public into believing that a team like Rapid can be formed overnight.

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John Oliphant's Comments on the Collingwood Letter

3rd August, 1955.

Dear Sir,

I was amazed to read a statement, made by an open Council meeting in the Collingwood Town Hall, in reference to a letter from a certain Mr. Keith Williams, of Glen Waverley, re the lease of the Collingwood Football Ground for the use of Soccer.

This application was laughed at by certain Councillors. Deservedly so, as all members of our association know that we could not compete with, nor afford, the rental paid by the Collingwood club. We also know that the Collingwood Council would not think seriously for one moment to deprive such a great club of its natural right to this ground.

No Knowledge of It

Therefore, I wish to state emphatically that our association has not interested itself in any way in making any application for such ground. I have communicated with practically all our council members, and none have had anything to do, nor do they know anything about, such an application.

Apart from being amazed, we would also like to know who is this Mr. Keith Williams. He is unknown in the Soccer world. We feel like asking, "Is there such a person as Mr. Keith Williams?" Apart from this, there is one special point

which must cause great concern to all sportsmen, whether Soccer or otherwise.

Consigned to the Gutter

One councillor, commenting on the application, said (quote) "they can play in the gutter. They will do as well there as in the Olympic Games."

One can only view such a statement with disgust. Our councillors represent all types in the community, and such a shocking statement from a leading citizen must surely be read by all with dismay.

To enter for the Olympic Games, let it be said, is of main importance; to win is only of secondary importance. Whether we win or lose, we will play representing Australia, and in the best Australian sporting spirit, but the first part of this councillor's statement, "They can play in the gutter," is surely in shocking bad taste, and can only reflect back on the councillor concerned.

—JOHN OLIPHANT,

Chairman, Publicity Committee,
Victorian Soccer Association.

Dons Win First Cup Game

The Dons were successful in the first round of the Miller Cup, beating Wanderers. But the tenacity of the losing team was worthy of every praise and made the game an interesting one.

All three goals for Essendell came from intelligent play by John Dugdale.

The under-15 team were eliminated by Preston in the Liston Cup, and once again demonstrated that it was lack of proper organising that led to defeat.

In spite of appeals we have not been able to get one offer for help in the running of the club. There are dozens of boys around the districts that could be drawn into the game with adequate help, and after all, it is the youngster that is wanted to help in improving the game.

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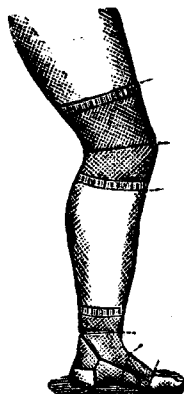
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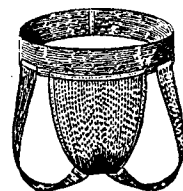
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Skolnik Cup Next Junior Interest

Now the games against Yallourn are over, we still have one more item of interest in Junior Soccer. That is the visit of the South Australian under-20 during the third week in August.

They arrive on August 20, and stay a week. The main game of this tour, of course, is the annual game for the Skolnik Cup. This will take place on Saturday, 27th August, at the Showgrounds.

The game will be the curtain-raiser to the Juventus—Moreland first division game. Juventus has kindly granted the junior association permission to stage this game. So, if you want to see a really good game, make August 27 a date.

We thank the Juventus Club for granting us their ground and facilities. Enclosed grounds are very hard to get here in Victoria.

Mostly Australians

An interesting fact that arose from the Yallourn games was that in the under-14 team which represented Melbourne and district, seven of the 11 were Australians. We realise that the immigrant boys make for Soccer naturally, but it is heartening to see the number of Australian boys now in the game. Without them the game will surely lose its power. There are quite a few under-14 teams now fielding, practically all Australian boys.

Can any team beat this? Roger Pertzell, Fairfield's centre-forward, comes down from Warragul every Friday night to play, and returns Saturday night. He has scored in every match this year, whether the team has lost or won.

All delegates are reminded that the next meeting of the junior association is on Wednesday, August 24, at 7.30, at Scotts Hotel.

—DENIS CHAMBERS.

Two Cup Games Played in L.V.

The first two games in the La-trobe Valley "Advertiser" Shield resulted in wins for top team, Morwell, and bottom team, Red Triangle. Morwell beat Tigers, and Red Triangle beat Lurgi Rangers.

Information from the Lurgi secretary is that the club intends to protest against the referee at the game.

Morwell Rangers failed to turn up for their postponed league game against Moe United.

Results were:

"Advertiser" Shield (first round):

Morwell 4 (Guy 2, van Hoogan, Krytenberg), Tigers 0; Lurgi Rangers 2 (Simms, Smith), Red Triangle 5 (Simpkin 5, Lane 1).

The season's final league table for the L.V. is on page 12.

A Grand Sight!

Saturday morning at Yallourn oval was a sight to gladden the heart of any Soccer follower. The grounds were literally swarming with juniors at the lightning premiership for under-13 teams.

There was just the same excitement as at any cup final.

League winners, Yallourn Rangers, survived the first round against Newborough, but only just. They won in extra time, and went on to take the title.

Results were:

First Round: Yallourn Rangers 2 (Dysen, Lappin) d. Newborough 1 (Scott) after extra time; Hearn's Oak 1 (Friendo) d. Moe 0.

Semi-final. — Yallourn Rangers 3 (Lappin 2, Down 1) d. Lurgi 1 (Turner).

Final: Yallourn Rangers 3 (Down 2, Lappin 1) d. Hearn's Oak 0.

Under-16 results: Y.M.C.A. 1 (Polworth), Yallourn 5 (Down 4, Ellis 1); Moe 4, Lurgi 0.

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FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
JUVENTUS	14	11	1	2	38	12	23
POLONIA	14	10	3	1	39	20	23
BRIGHTON	14	8	2	4	34	27	18
HAKOAH	14	6	2	6	40	29	14
MORELAND	14	6	2	6	22	21	14
BOX HILL	14	6	1	7	18	36	13
J.U.S.T.	14	5	2	7	31	31	12
FOOTSCRAY CITY	14	3	3	8	17	34	9
GEORGE CROSS	14	3	2	9	25	41	8
YALLOURN	14	2	2	10	21	34	6

METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	11	10	1	—	40	9	9
Coburg	11	6	4	1	42	13	12
Fairfield	11	7	1	3	26	7	12
University	12	7	1	4	24	21	15
Bayswater	11	5	—	6	40	29	10
U.Y.D.	11	5	—	5	19	31	10
Heidelberg	12	2	1	9	18	52	5
I.C.I.	12	1	2	9	18	50	4

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	10	8	—	2	39	15	16
Brunswick	8	2	—	1	31	13	14
Yarra Park	9	5	1	3	20	19	11
Port Melb.	10	5	—	5	22	18	10
St. Albans	10	5	—	5	19	22	10
Rosebud	10	4	1	5	21	37	9

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Slavia	14	14	0	0	71	23	28
Prahran	14	11	1	2	62	22	23
Sth. Melb. U.	14	8	1	5	51	31	17
Vic. Colts	14	7	1	6	37	39	15
Sunshine C.	14	6	2	6	21	34	14
Maccabi	14	4	3	7	29	46	11
Preston	14	4	1	9	26	48	9
Geelong	14	3	2	9	18	32	8
Park Rangers	14	3	2	9	30	55	8
South Yarra	14	2	3	9	22	37	7

THIRD INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	14	11	1	2	62	20	23
Coburg	14	10	1	3	35	27	21
Sandringham C.	13	9	2	2	39	12	20
Williamstown	13	7	2	4	40	13	16
Box Hill	13	7	1	5	43	12	15
Sunshine United	13	6	1	6	27	38	13
Wilhelmina	12	3	1	8	33	20	7
Moorabbin C.	14	2	1	11	22	58	5
Heidelberg	13	2	1	10	18	52	5

LATROBE VALLEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Morwell	14	12	2	0	71	9	26
Moe Utd.	14	10	3	1	46	9	23
Figers	14	6	5	3	38	30	17
Yallourn A.	14	6	2	6	38	44	14
Sale Utd.	14	4	3	7	24	42	11
Lurgi Ran.	14	4	1	9	23	41	9
Morwell Ran.	14	2	2	10	19	37	6
Red Triangle	14	2	2	10	18	65	6

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	14	14	0	0	93	10	28
Hellenic	14	12	1	1	73	15	25
Sandringham, C.	14	8	3	3	41	22	19
Dandenong Rov.	14	8	1	5	44	44	17
Sunshine Utd.	14	7	1	6	41	38	15
Richmond	14	6	1	7	37	35	13
Williamstown	14	5	2	7	31	37	12
Frankston	14	2	1	11	15	54	5
Moorabbin, C.	14	2	0	12	22	78	4
F.N.D.	14	1	0	13	18	82	2

FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	14	12	0	2	49	10	24
Polonia	14	10	1	3	41	31	19
Brighton	14	8	2	4	40	22	18
Footscray City	14	7	2	5	32	31	16
Hakoah	13	5	4	4	25	19	14
Moreland	14	5	2	7	27	44	12
Box Hill	13	5	1	7	26	31	11
J.U.S.T.	13	3	1	8	28	30	7
Yallourn	13	2	3	8	12	29	7
George Cross	14	3	1	10	13	42	7

SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	14	11	2	1	49	13	24
South Melb.	14	9	1	4	57	29	19
South Yarra	14	9	0	5	52	17	18
Slavia	14	8	1	5	44	34	17
Geelong	14	7	0	7	26	22	14
Prahran	14	6	1	7	37	51	13
Wilhelmina	14	6	0	8	25	32	12
Preston	14	4	0	10	21	38	8
Maccabi	14	4	0	10	20	41	8
Park Rangers	14	2	1	11	25	62	5

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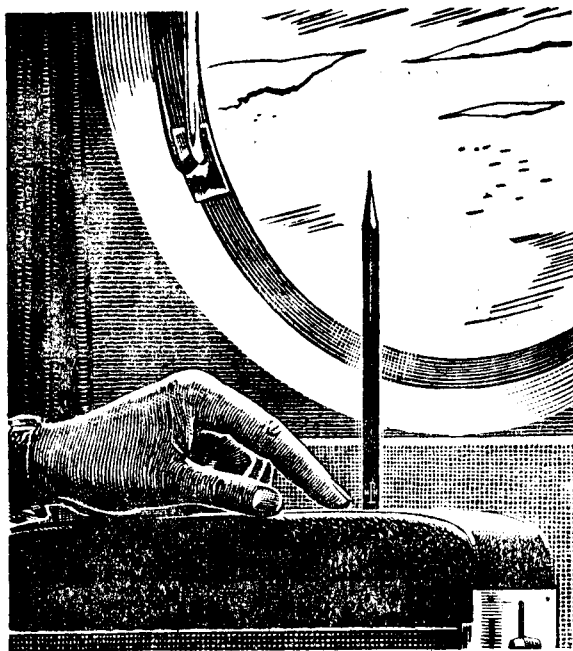
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